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Credentials of representatives to the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairperson: Mr. Hilario G. **Davide**, Jr. (Philippines)

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 15 September 2009, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its sixty-fourth session consisting of the following Member States: Brazil, China, Jamaica, Philippines, Russian Federation, Spain, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America and Zambia.

2. The Credentials Committee held its meeting on 8 December 2009, which was suspended on that day and resumed on 11 December 2009.

3. Mr. Davide (Philippines) was unanimously elected Chairperson.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General dated 8 December 2009 concerning the credentials of representatives of Member States to the sixty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly.

5. As indicated in paragraph 1 of the Secretary-General's memorandum, formal credentials in the form required by rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly had been submitted by the following 141 Member States in respect of their representatives to the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly: Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, Germany, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya,

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Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

6. As indicated in paragraph 2 of the Secretary-General's memorandum, information concerning the appointment of their representatives to the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly had been communicated to the Secretary-General, by means of a facsimile communication from the Head of State or Government or Minister for Foreign Affairs or by means of a note verbale from the Permanent Mission concerned, by the following 51 Member States: Afghanistan, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chad, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Gabon, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Honduras, India, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Marshall Islands, Mongolia, Nauru, Niger, Nigeria, Palau, Philippines, Rwanda, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Togo, Tuvalu, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Yemen.

7. The Chairperson asked whether any member wished to take the floor.

8. The representative of Zambia expressed serious concern with respect to the acceptance of the credentials of Guinea and Madagascar in the light of the situation in those two countries. The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania aligned herself with the statement made by the representative of Zambia.

9. The Committee subsequently sought information from the Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs as to what communications had been received from those two Member States. The Assistant Secretary-General informed the Committee that, with regard to Guinea, formal credentials had been received by the Secretariat on 28 September 2009, under cover of a note verbale from the Permanent Mission. Those formal credentials had been signed by the Prime Minister of Guinea, Mr. Kabiné Komara. With regard to Madagascar, formal credentials had been received by the Secretariat on 16 September 2009, under cover of a note verbale from the Permanent Mission. Those formal credentials had been signed by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Madagascar, Mr. Ny Hasina Andriamanjato.

10. The Chairperson, after hearing the various statements made during the meeting of the Credentials Committee on 8 December and on 11 December, when the Committee resumed its work, proposed that the Committee defer its consideration of the credentials submitted by Guinea and Madagascar and accept the credentials of the remaining Member States.

11. The members of the Committee decided to adopt the proposal on the understanding that the representatives of both Guinea and Madagascar will continue to have the right to participate provisionally in the activities of the sixty-fourth session with all the rights and privileges enjoyed by other Member States whose credentials have been accepted until such a time that the Credentials Committee reviews the matter and makes a final recommendation to the General Assembly. Should there be a formal objection during the sixty-fourth session to the participation of either Guinea or Madagascar, then such an objection could, within the framework of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, be referred to the Credentials Committee for its consideration.

12. The Chairperson proposed the following draft resolution for adoption by the Committee:

"*The Credentials Committee*,

"*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly of the Member States referred to in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the report of the Credentials Committee,

"*Taking into account* the statements made during the debate,

"*Accepts*, subject to the decision contained in paragraph 11, the credentials of the representatives of the Member States concerned."

13. The draft resolution proposed by the Chairperson was adopted without a vote.

14. The Chairperson then proposed that the Committee recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution entitled "Credentials of representatives to the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly" (see para. 16). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

15. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the General Assembly.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

16. The Credentials Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.